

## HOUSE BILL No. 2126

By Representatives Boston, Aday, Ballou, Bethell, Dahl, Freeborn, Hayzlett, Henry, Humerickhouse, Hutchins, Krehbiel, Landwehr, Mason, Jim Morrison, Novascone, Osborne, Ostmeyer, Palmer, J. Peterson, Pottorff, T. Powell, Powers, Reardon, Sharp, Showalter, Stone, Tanner, Tomlinson and Weber

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AN ACT concerning crimes and punishment; establishing the crime of battery against a sports official.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. (a) Battery against a sports official is a battery, as defined in K.S.A. 21-3412, and amendments thereto, committed against a sports official while such official is officiating at a sports event, on the premises prior to the start of a sports event that such official is scheduled to supervise or officiate, while being on the premises to officiate multiple events during a tournament, or has concluded officiating the event and is still on the premises, or close proximity to where the sporting event occurred.

(b) As used in this section: (1) "Sports official" means a person at a sports event who enforces the rules of the event, such as an umpire or referee, or a person who supervises the participants, such as a coach or authorized personnel representing the authority sponsoring the event or a designated official responsible for crowd decorum, safety of the participants, the crowd and officials.

(2) "Sports event" includes any interscholastic or intramural athletic activity in a primary, middle, junior high, or high school, college or university; any organized athletic activity sponsored by a community, business or nonprofit organization; any athletic activity that is a professional or semiprofessional event; and any other organized athletic activity in the state.

(c) Battery against a sports official is a class B person misdemeanor. Upon conviction of a violation of this section, a person shall be fined not less than \$500, nor more than \$2,000.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.